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Sri T. ANANTA PAI :—" Does the assistance given by the Central Government cover the cost of training maternity assistants? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" No."

Sri V. MUTHU :—" மதுரை ஜில்லாவில் உசலம்பட்டி கிராமத்தில் கவர்ன்மெண்ட் ஆஸ்பத்திரி ஒன்று இருக்கிறது. அதில் மெடர்னிடி வார்ட் ஒன்று பொதுஜனங்களுடைய நன்கொடையால் கட்டப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அது கட்டி ஆறு மாதமாகியும் இதுவரை திறக்கப்படவில்லை. அதை விரைவில் திறப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா ? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" This is a separate question altogether."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is it a fact that the maternity centre which was closed recently was opened by the very Minister for Health some one year back and the function was presided over by Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu, a prominent Member of the Congress Party in this Assembly? What are the valid reasons that the Minister can adduce for closing down the centre and what are the steps that the Government are taking to persuade the district board authorities to revive the centre? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" I was responsible for opening it. The hon. Gentleman sitting opposite (Sri K. Vinayakam) must have been responsible for seeing it closed."

Sri V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR :—" Does the Hon. Minister know that the District Medical Officer was present at the meeting and that he did not recommend the opening of the centre subsequently? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" I am not aware of it. It may be correct."

National Extension Scheme for Malabar.

* 814 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the areas in which National Extension Scheme is working in Malabar; and

(*b*) what are the schemes included therein?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) (1) Tellicherry Block comprising Tellicherry, Kuthuparamba and Mattanur firkas.

(2) Payyanur Block comprising Madayi and Payyanur firkas.

" (*b*) The schemes aim at an integrated treatment of rural life and problems designed to increase food production, improve communications and marketing, tackle disease and illiteracy and train villagers in handicrafts essential to village life."

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Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Was there any proposal originally to include two firkas in the Palghat Community Project area in the scheme and was it subsequently given up? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am not aware of the proposal. But the Government took up areas which were already under the Firka Development Scheme for the National Extension Scheme to start with."

Sri KUNHI MOHAMAD SHAFEE :—" As the taluks of Walluyanad and Ernad are very backward economically and as they hold out possibility for development in many directions, will the Government consider the extension of the National Extension Scheme to these taluks in the coming years? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may tell the hon. Member that every taluk or every firka very rightly claims priority. The object of this Government is to cover the entire State with the National Extension Service Schemes within seven years. We have not yet considered the question of the areas to be taken up in the coming year."

Sri S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" இந்த தேசீய விஸ்தரிப்புத் திட்டத்தின் கீழ் செய்யக்கூடிய வேலைகள் எல்லாம் பொதுஜனங்களுடைய ஒத்துழைப்பால்தான் நடைபெற முடியுமென்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் கூறினார்கள். அது வாஸ்தவம்தான். ஆனால் சில கிராமங்களில் அந்த முறையின்கீழ் குளம், குட்டைகள் கட்டினால் அங்குள்ள மக்களுக்கு மிகவும் உதவியாகவும் இருக்கும். அப்படியிருந்தும் அங்குள்ள ஜனங்கள் பணம் கொடுக்க முடியாத நிலையில் இருப்பதால் திட்டங்கள் கைவிடப்படுகின்றன. அந்த மாதிரி இடங்களுக்கு சர்க்காரே பணம் செலவு செய்து, அக்குளம் குட்டைகளை கட்டுவதற்கு முன்வருவார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The fundamental basis of the scheme is that people should come forward with their own share or contribution. If the poor people cannot contribute in terms of cash, they can contribute by way of labour and that would enable the taking up under the National Extension Service Scheme of improvement works."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that the National Extension Service Department does not give wide publicity to the setting apart of lakhs of rupees for giving loans to the peasants, and will the Hon. Minister take steps to give wide publicity either through leaflets or daily papers? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall consider that suggestion. But the hon. Member and his associates, I saw, have been very closely associated with this National Extension Service work and therefore I would seek his co-operation in giving the necessary publicity among the people."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM:—" இந்த தேசீய விஸ்தரிப்புத் திட்டம் அமுலில் இருக்கக்கூடிய இடங்களில் சர்க்கார் அதிகாரிகள் தாங்கள் விரும்பும் திட்டங்களை நிறைவேற்றி வருகிறார்களே தவிர, பொதுமக்கள்

விரும்பும் சில திட்டங்கள் அடியோடு மறுக்கப்படுகின்றன. இது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? இவ்வாறு முரண்பாடு இல்லாமல் நடக்க சர்க்கார் வழி செய்வார்களா ? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' There is nothing like பொதுமக்கள் wanting or not wanting a scheme. Certain non-officials may want particular schemes and certain officials may want particular schemes. But the selection of schemes does not depend upon the whims and fancies of the non-officials or officials. Only schemes that could fit in in the National Extension Service could be taken up.''

8–30 a.m. SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' If my information is correct, the District Collector actually recommended the extension of these two blocks. Will the Government be pleased to take this into consideration in the matter of future expansion? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I shall examine that suggestion when we take up new areas. Perhaps we may have to consider the question of contiguity when we take up further areas in order to economize expenditure on administrative staff.''

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—'' Among the various features of this National Extension Service, a very vital factor is the deepening of village tanks and strengthening of bunds of the village tanks. Inasmuch as this kind of deepening of village tanks and strengthening of bunds of those tanks is absent in North India, I think the planners of this National Extension Service at Delhi, have not taken particular care to include this important item in the National Extension Service Scheme. Will the Government of Madras therefore take necessary steps to include that item, viz., deepening of village tanks in the National Extension Service so that it may help the agriculturists? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' The hon. Member need not bother about planning in the North. We are certainly taking into consideration the requirements of these areas and we are including schemes like deepening of wells and tanks and strengthening of bunds of village tanks, etc., under the National Extension Service Scheme.''

SRI V. MUTHU :—'' இந்த தேசிய விஸ்தரிப்புத் திட்டத்தின்கீழ் வேலை நடைபெறும் கிராமங்களில் சில ஏரியாக்கள் பாஞ்சாயத்து போர்டில் இருப்பதால் ஒருவித காரியமும் செய்யமுடியவில்லை. பஞ்சாயத்து போர்டுகள் மிகவும் பிற்போக்கான நிலைமையில் இருக்கின்றபடியால், அந்த ஏ.ரியாக்களுக்கும் இந்த தேசிய விஸ்தரிப்புத் திட்டத்தின்கீழ் நன்மை செய்வதற்கு வகை செய்வார்களா ? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' If according to the hon. Member nothing tangible is done in the panchayat area that is perhaps due to the want of adequate co-operation from the panchayat.''